

Appl. No. 10/066,250
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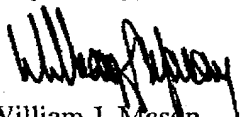
Remarks and Arguments

A restriction is required between claims 1-14 drawn to a method of producing a soybean oil and claims 15 and 16 drawn to a soybean oil. It is the examiner's position that the inventions are distinct because "the product as claimed can be made by another and materially different process." Specifically, the examiner states that "the product could be made by a process wherein hexane is used to extract the oil followed by traditional refining techniques."

This restriction requirement is respectfully traversed. Since claims 15 and 16 are product by process claims, the method by which the product is formed is necessarily limited to the method of claim 1.

If the examiner maintains the restriction requirement, applicant elects claims 1-14 for prosecution in this application, and retains the right to file a divisional application to claims 15 and 16.

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